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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6853**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1384

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Plumbing Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Niezgodski

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** *Water Pollution Control Board-* The bill requires the Water Pollution Control Board (WPCB) to adopt rules establishing testing requirements and procedures for backflow prevention devices contained in a customer service line.

*Cross-Connection Control Inspectors-* The bill requires continuing professional education for an Indiana registered cross-connection control inspector.

*Journeyman Plumbers-* The bill requires continuing professional education for journeyman plumbers.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Water Pollution Control Board-* The WPCB would be able to adopt the rules necessary for the above testing requirements within the course of regular business meetings of WPCB. The WPCB is scheduled to meet 12 times in CY 2011.

*Cross-Connection Control Inspectors-* This provision would cost the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) approximately \$145,000 per year to implement and maintain a continuing education program for two hours per registered inspector every two years. The main cost to IDEM would be the auditing of registered inspectors for compliance. New rules would be required to implement the continuing education program. However, the new rules could likely be implemented within the course of a regular meeting of the WPCB.

*Journeyman Plumbers-* This provision would have an indeterminable impact on Professional Licensing

Agency (PLA) expenditures. The two main expenditures for the PLA would be continuing education audits for journeyman plumbers and discipline procedures for noncompliant plumbers. Additionally, the Plumbing Commission may require additional meetings at the subcommittee level to develop rule language for a continuing education program.

*Background Information-* Cross-Connection Control Inspectors- Initial applicants must attend 40 hours of education and successfully complete a written and oral examination for cross connection device inspectors administered by a training provider. There are 4,127 active registered cross connection inspectors currently.

Journeyman Plumbers- As of September 2010, there were 4,699 journeyman plumbers with an active license.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Background Information-* Total plumbing license revenue was \$598,872 in FY 2010. Plumbing license fee revenue is deposited in the state General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** IDEM, PLA, Plumbing Commission, Water Pollution Control Board.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Marty Allain, General Counsel, Professional Licensing Agency; Brad Baughn, Nancy King, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*; 327 IAC 8-10-11.

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